

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Continuation of

Appln. No.: 09/359,037

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-46 Cancelled.

47. (new): A method for causing a luminescent material to emit visible light comprising; supplying a first radiant energy to said luminescent material for charging said luminescent material;

selectively supplying a second radiant energy to said luminescent material such that said luminescent material emits visible light only when said second radiant energy is incident on said material,

wherein said first radiant energy is supplied continuously by a constant source of said first radiant energy, and said second radiant energy is supplied periodically to thereby control emission of said visible light.

48. (new): The method for causing a luminescent material to emit visible light as claimed in claim 47, wherein said visible light is one of red, blue or green color.